

OAKDALE PARK

Located at South Second and Mulberry, Oakdale Park features 45 acres of scenic viewing for all. The Smoky Hill River surrounds the park to provide a real 'natural' setting. Since 1881, Oakdale Park has hosted fairs and in earlier times even horse racing. Presently, the annual Smoky Hill River Festival and All-America Fourth/Play Day in the Park celebration take center stage in the park. Historically, the City leased the property from the county for general park purposes in 1922. The old swimming pool, built in 1925, is now filled for winter ice skating. In 1934, the north third of the park was developed into a formal area with massive flower beds and landscaping. These Botanical gardens are the showcase of the City of Salina Park System. Oakdale Park houses three picnic shelters and a gazebo located in the formal area used for many weddings. The park also contains eight lighted tennis courts and two playground areas. A performing stage was added in 1995 which hosts many concerts, dances, recitals and theater performances. For over a century, Oakdale Park has been an attraction. Oakdale Park is one of the most restful and beautiful parks imaginable offering a variety of activities and hours of enjoyment.

